

Remarks

Claims 1-28 remain pending in the Application. Claim 22 has been amended.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Claim Objection

Dependent claim 22 was objected to because of an alleged informality in the Office Action ("Action") dated April 22, 2003. The Action suggested that lettering "should apparently" be changed.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection. Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 22 is in proper form. Applicants further respectfully submit that dependent claim 22 is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 and MPEP § 608.01(m). Dependent claim 22 also finds basis in the disclosure, such as the originally filed claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection is not appropriate and should be withdrawn. However, the claim objection is not an appealable matter. Thus, at the invitation of the Office, dependent claim 22 has been amended as suggested by the Office in order to advance prosecution.

The Finality Of The Rejections In The Action

Applicants reserve the right to submit a Request for Reconsideration of the finality of the rejections in the Action. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Supplemental Appeal Brief.

Conclusion

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,


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